

Senate Resolution 660

By: Senators Carter of the 13th, Goggans of the 7th and Kemp of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the law enforcement officers involved in the pursuit and
2 apprehension of an armed robbery suspect in South Georgia on June 3, 2005; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on June 3, 2005, there was an armed robbery in Waycross, Georgia, and the
5 Waycross Police Department issued a lookout for the suspect who was believed to be driving
6 a Freightliner semi-tractor; and

7 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, a Waycross police officer spotted the vehicle in a parking lot
8 in Waycross and with other officers attempted to surround the vehicle and apprehend the
9 suspect; and

10 WHEREAS, the driver of the semi drove away before the officers could apprehend him,
11 beginning a police chase that extended through four counties; and

12 WHEREAS, the chase involved numerous law enforcement personnel from the law
13 enforcement agencies of the four counties as well as the Georgia State Patrol and the
14 Department of Motor Vehicle Services; and

15 WHEREAS, although the officers managed to shoot out the tires of the truck, the chase
16 continued at speeds of up to 85 miles per hour until the truck reached Tifton where the
17 officers apprehended the driver; and

18 WHEREAS, if it were not for the courage and professionalism of these officers, serious
19 injury and loss of life may have resulted from this incident; but, because of the exemplary
20 work of these dedicated law enforcement officers, the suspect was apprehended without
21 anyone being injured; and

1 WHEREAS, the courage and professionalism of the officers involved in this incident is
2 worthy of recognition and commendation; and

3 WHEREAS, the officers involved in this incident were: TFC Terry Thrift, TFC Chad
4 Woods, TFC Gary Thrift, T/CDT Timothy McRae, SFC Richard L. Davis, TFC Israel C.
5 Hendley, CEO Chris Wilkerson, SGT Don R. Whitaker, TFC Christopher Jewell, CEO
6 Eileen Jenkins, SFC Rusty Harrelson, TFC Tommy Owen, and CPL Hamilton Halford of the
7 Georgia State Patrol; Jack Bennett, Hilton Boyett, Bryan Smith, Richard Taylor, LT Chris
8 Tatum, MAJ Anthony Tanner, Alan Dowling, DET Larry Hill, SGT Wayne Fullard, SGT
9 Annie Dyal, and Tim Lucas of the Waycross Police Department; Jason McQuaig, Sam
10 Gordon, Wade Bennett, SGT Joe Morris, CAPT Peggy Guinn, CPL Chris Hackett, and DET
11 Missy Fullard of the Ware County Sheriff's Office; Tony Benefield, Wayne Luke, Donald
12 Franklin, Riley O'Berry, and Ray Paulk of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office; Worth
13 County Sheriff Freddie Tompkins; Sheriff Gary Vowell, MAJ Jack Woolard, CAPT Larry
14 Taylor, CAPT Bobby Brannen, CAPT Mike Walker, LT Rick Brown, SGT Ray Merritt, SGT
15 Mike Watts, SGT James Partain, DEP Rocky Carter, DEP Mark Lyles, DEP Chris Strickland,
16 DEP Larry Burkhead, Chaplain Frank Barfield, CAPT Bryan Giddens, and LT Jeff
17 Thompson of the Tift County Sheriff's Office; Chief James A. Smith, LT Steve Hyman,
18 Torrie Adams, Danny Hayes, Mike Revels, Chuck Snyder, DET Ricky Day, and CAPT Terry
19 Ziegler of the Tifton Police Department; and SGT Michael E. Massey, SGT Richard Shiver,
20 SGT Richard Young, CAPT Johnny Jones, and MAJ Charles Purvis of the Motor Carrier
21 Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend the law enforcement officers involved in the pursuit and
24 apprehension of the armed robbery suspect on June 3, 2005, and express appreciation for the
25 bravery and professionalism that they displayed in this incident.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each of the officers.